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SUBJECT: UAE COUNTERPROLIFERATION TEAM TO INVESTIGATE  
ATLINX SHIPMENTS

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[1](#)B. ABU DHABI 2780

Classified By: Ambassador Michele J. Sison for reasons 1.4 b and d.

[1](#)1. (S) On July 16, Econoff delivered reftel demarche to UAE Ministry of Interior Major Mohammed al-Kitbi, a member of the UAE's counterproliferation task force team. Econoff stressed the importance of the UAE seizing the shipments of suspected improvised explosive device (IED) components that Atlinx Electronics had imported into Dubai's Jebel Ali as of July 8. Al-Kitbi pledged to investigate the matter and make an attempt to "prevent any illegal shipment from leaving the UAE." He noted, however, that the shipment may have already left Dubai.

[1](#)2. (S) Although al-Kitbi said he was not knowledgeable on the Atlinx case, he stated he would work with officials on the UAE's counterproliferation task force to investigate. Al-Kitbi observed that "it is not good for the UAE to let items such as these transit our country...we want to stop all companies that are dealing with illegal technology." (Note: We have confirmed that al-Kitbi informed Dubai's General Directorate of State Security (GDSS) of the Atlinx demarche within hours. End note.)

[1](#)3. (S) Comment: GDSS Director al-Qemzi's July 4 letter to Ambassador made clear that we have captured the UAE's attention (ref B), and we note that we have never seen such quick communication between federal and Dubai authorities on a counterproliferation case. End comment.  
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